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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk / Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

Re: Request for Name Change of Carolina Water Service, Inc. to Blue Granite
Water Company – Docket No. 2018-365-WS

Dear Ms. Boyd:

As anticipated in the filing of Carolina Water Service, Inc. (the “Company”) on November 21, 2018 in the above-referenced proceeding, the Company has now made the requisite filings with the Secretaries of State of South Carolina and Delaware. Those filings are attached hereto as Exhibits A and B, respectively. The Company will make an informational filing containing its Certificate of Existence and updated DHEC permits once those have been issued.

In a letter filed with the Commission on December 3, 2018 by the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”), ORS recommends that the Commission require that certain information be included in the Company’s notice to customers. To the Company’s knowledge, the Commission requiring such information in the customer notice would be without precedent. See, for example, Order No. 2009-154 in Docket No. 2007-414-WS, Order No. 2006-212 in Docket No. 2005-253-C, and Order No. 2009-668 in Docket No. 2005-407-C in which the Commission approved a utility’s name change request without objection from ORS. Further, delaying the Commission’s approval of the name change would impede the Company’s ability to achieve its business objectives. The amended customer notice filed by the Company on November 29, 2018 is reasonably calculated to provide notice to the Company’s customers of the corporate name change, and we believe no further requirements are necessary or appropriate.

Kind regards,


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cc: Catherine Heigel, President (via email)
Michael Cartin, Director, External Affairs and Strategy (via email)
Jeffrey M. Nelson, Chief Legal Officer, ORS (via email)